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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
 Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of **Pascal Albert Emile LEFEBVRE** and **Ivan VERBESSELT**

**NETWORK STATUS REPORTING METHOD AND A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**  
 Our Ref. Q62150

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 10 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 1 sheet of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is the Information Disclosure Statement.

**Please see attached preliminary amendment before calculating Government filing fee.**

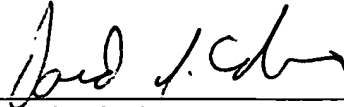
The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>9</u> - 20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>2</u> - 3	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$80.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee							<u>\$710.00</u>
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>							<b>\$710.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment							\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>							<b><u>\$750.00</u></b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$710.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from December 21, 1999 based on European Application No. 99403256.3. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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